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<i>Filing Date</i>	January 29, 1998
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<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1644
<i>Examiner Name</i>	G. Ewoldt
<i>Attorney Docket No.</i>	2328-111

*Title of the Invention:* A NEW FUSION PROTEIN AND ITS USE IN AN  
IMMUNOASSAY FOR THE SIMULTANEOUS DETECTION OF  
AUTOANTIBODIES RELATED TO INSULIN-DEPENDENT  
DIABETES MELLITUS

**AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 5, 2003

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the May 5, 2003 Office Action issued by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due August 5, 2003. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 8 of this paper.